

Service Date: January 14, 1997

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Application of	)	UTILITY DIVISION
Montana Power Company to Change Rates	)	
for Electric Service Based on its Allocated	)	DOCKET NO. D96.3.33
Cost of Service and Rate Design Study.	)	ORDER NO. 5915b

**ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION**

Introduction

1. On December 9, 1996 the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) issued Final Order/Rate Design, Order No. 5915a in this Docket, approving with one condition a rate design stipulation reached by certain parties. The condition was that Montana Power Company (MPC) may only offer service under its Real Time Pricing (RTP) tariff for six months from the date of the Order.

2. On December 19, 1996 MPC filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 5915a, requesting that the Commission remove the six month limitation on the use of the RTP tariff and replace it with a three year limitation.

Discussion

3. The Commission will grant MPC's request. By so doing the Commission does not retract its concerns about the RTP tariff, nor, necessarily, does it concur with MPC's arguments or comments in its Motion for Reconsideration.

Conclusions of Law

4. The Commission reaffirms its Conclusions of Law made in Order No. 5915a.

Order

1. Montana Power Company's Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 5915a is granted. The first sentence of Finding of Fact 5, Order No. 5915a, is amended to read "..., MPC may offer RTP up to three years from the date of this Order."

Done and Dated this 6th day of January, 1997 by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review in this matter. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days of the service of this Order. Section 2-4-702, MCA.